

HOUSE BILL 1103

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By: **Delegates Cardin and Summers**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Contributors – Occupation and Employer**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the treasurer of a campaign finance entity to record the
4 occupation and employer of an individual who makes contributions of a certain
5 cumulative amount to the campaign finance entity during an election cycle;
6 requiring the treasurer to include in a campaign finance report the occupation
7 and employer of an individual who makes contributions to the campaign finance
8 entity of a certain cumulative amount; requiring the State Board of Elections to
9 provide certain notice to a treasurer of a campaign finance entity if a
10 contributor makes cumulative contributions exceeding a certain amount during
11 a certain period; requiring the State Board to require a certain standard
12 response that a treasurer shall include in a campaign finance report if a
13 contributor does not provide certain information to the treasurer; and generally
14 relating to reporting the occupation and employer of certain contributors to
15 campaign finance entities.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Election Law
18 Section 13–221 and 13–304(b)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article – Election Law**

2 13–221.

3 (a) (1) The treasurer of a campaign finance entity shall keep a detailed
4 and accurate account book of all assets received, expenditures made, and obligations
5 incurred by or on behalf of the entity.

6 (2) Except as provided in § 13–240 of this subtitle, as to each asset
7 received or expenditure made, the account book shall state:

8 (i) its amount or value;

9 (ii) the date of the receipt or expenditure;

10 (iii) the name and address of the person from whom the asset
11 was received or to whom the expenditure was made; and

12 (iv) a description of the asset received or the purpose for which
13 the expenditure was made.

14 **(3) (I) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE TREASURER OF A**
15 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL RECORD THE OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER**
16 **OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
17 **ENTITY IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$500 OR MORE DURING AN ELECTION**
18 **CYCLE.**

19 **(II) THE STATE BOARD SHALL:**

20 **1. PROMPTLY PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE TREASURER**
21 **OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IF A CONTRIBUTOR INCLUDED ON A CAMPAIGN**
22 **FINANCE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE TREASURER HAS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS**
23 **TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$500 OR**
24 **MORE DURING THE ELECTION CYCLE; AND**

25 **2. REQUIRE A STANDARD RESPONSE THAT A**
26 **TREASURER SHALL INCLUDE IN THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT IF A**
27 **CONTRIBUTOR DOES NOT SUPPLY THE INFORMATION REQUIRED CONCERNING**
28 **THE CONTRIBUTOR’S OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER.**

29 **[(3)] (4)** Each expenditure made from a campaign account shall be
30 supported by a receipt.

1 (b) The account books and related records of a campaign finance entity shall
2 be preserved until 2 years after the campaign finance entity files a final campaign
3 finance report under Subtitle 3 of this title.

4 13-304.

5 (b) A campaign finance report filed by a campaign finance entity under
6 subsection (a) of this section shall include:

7 (1) the information required by the State Board with respect to all
8 contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of the campaign
9 finance entity during the designated reporting period; AND

10 (2) THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE OCCUPATIONS AND
11 EMPLOYERS OF CONTRIBUTORS REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED BY THE
12 TREASURER OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY UNDER § 13-221 OF THIS TITLE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 June 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.